

ERS BI-WEEKLY REPORT TO CRE OCTOBER 17 - OCTOBER 28, 1949

1. Subject: 25X1A            Russian Research Center.

25X1A On request of EER, the ERS secured from the Russian Research Center a list of Chinese Communist documents now being translated by the Center in cooperation with                     . An attempt is now being made to secure all the documents which have been translated to date.

2. Subject: School of Advanced International Studies.

25X1A ERS discussed research projects now underway in which                      of School of Advanced International Studies has an interest. These projects included studies on the Far East and also on psychological warfare.

3. Subject: Ethnolinguistic Map of Indochina.

The External Research Staff arranged for the reproduction of an ethnolinguistic map of Indochina. The map had originally been acquired by the South East Asia Branch, OIR by the University of Saigon. Copies of the maps will be distributed by the External Research Staff to various departments of anthropology and to individuals interested in South East Asia.

4. Subject: South East Asia Area Program            25X1A

25X1A Plans have been made for a meeting between the South East Asia analysts from CIA and OIR to discuss a proposed research program with the South East Asia area group at           . CIA is financing the project but is consulting OIR prior to the final formulation of projects statement. ERS in conjunction with the appropriate offices and divisions of CIA is arranging the details of the contract.

5. Subject: Human Resources Committee, RDB.

ERS attended the meeting of the Human Resources Committee of RDB. The various National Military Establishment Agencies represented at the meeting presented statements of their requirements and of work in progress. A statement concerning the work of the intelligence agencies was also presented and the need for an integration of the work of the research agencies in foreign area research in the social sciences pointed out.

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6. Subject: 25X1A [redacted] Seminar.

The External Research Staff arranged a meeting of representatives from DRA and from CIA to go over the tentative projects as described by [redacted]

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[redacted] The number of revisions and modifications were agreed upon. ERS was asked to submit these proposed revisions with appropriate comments to [redacted] The suggestions will be written up and sent to [redacted] for preparation for a final meeting on the Princeton program.

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8. Subject: The Strategy of Communist Infiltration.

Two hundred copies of "The Strategy of Communist Infiltration: The Case of Czechoslovakia" were prepared and sent by the External Research Staff to POS/EE for transmission to various missions throughout Europe. In addition twenty copies were sent to Reuben F. Nathan, Department of Army, Office Assistant Secretary Reorientation Branch, N. Y., at his request. Copies have also been distributed in CRE and State. Forty copies were given to OCD for distribution.

9. Subject: Interdepartmental Committee on Psychological Warfare.

The External Research Staff has consulted with [redacted]

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Council concerning experts outside the government who might be brought together for a department meeting to discuss an over-all plan of research for psychological warfare. The request for such

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a meeting grew out of discussions of the Human Resources Committee of RDB where a CIA representative pointed out the need for such a meeting.

10. Subject: Papers Distributed.

Copies of the statement by Rand of its research in the economic field were distributed in ORE and OIR. Similar distribution was given the statement of research in progress at [ ] Russian Research Center. In addition 30 copies of the latter statement were given to OCD for further distribution.

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11. Subject: Requests Received.

More than 60 requests have been received from ORE, OIR and the IAC agencies for the theses listed in the recent ERS report on theses completed during 1945-1948. ERS is now seeking to secure the theses requested.

12. General: 25X1A [ ] Mission.

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Statements of requirements have been received by the External Research Staff from a number of sources for transmission to [ ] in Germany. Plans are also under way for an expansion of the staff. These plans are being made jointly with EUR and FP.

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